

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the context of an electronic appliance such as an image processing apparatus incorporating a restricted scanner function in addition to standard copier and printer functions, when releasing the restriction on the restricted scanner function, a function restriction release program capable of releasing the restriction on the restricted scanner function might be made to run on a host PC, the restriction on the restricted scanner function at the electronic appliance being automatically released at a time when this host PC is connected to the electronic appliance.